

DRUNK ON SIGNAL DUTY

A SPREE IN A TOWER OF THE

George Mason Drives Out the Day Signal Man at the Point of a Revolver and Tangles Up the Train Service Until He is Stopped by Deputy Sheriff

He Is Sent to Jail for Six Months.

Fum, working upon the inner concourse of George B. Mason, a signal towerman of the Long Island Railroad at the Thompson avenue crossing in Long Island City, endangered the lives of several persons and tangled up the train service for some time on Wednesday. Fortunately the tower where Mason was on duty was only one from the block signal system and not one from which switches are controlled; otherwise the results of his spree might have been more serious.

Two men don duty at each of these signal towers on the Long Island Road during each twenty-four hours. One goes on duty at 7 o'clock in the morning and the other at 7 o'clock at night. The other then relieves him and 7 o'clock at night, the following morning, Mason had night duty. His

partner was a much smaller man than Mason. He had about finished his work on Wednesday evening, when he heard Mason outside calling to him to leave the tower. As that was not the usual time to go home usually, the day man took a look at Mason from the easter window. He saw at once that Mason was drunk and unfit for duty.

"Come out of that," shouted Mason. The day man refused. Mason stamped around and abused him, and then, entering the tower, went up to the sleeping room. He struck the day man in the face. The day man left him there in the place. The day man told him physically, and was afraid to offer assistance, so he tried to pacify Mason.

"You aren't fit to work to-night," he said, "and you will go home and get sober."

"I will work the tower for you until morning!"

Mason, however, insisted that he was perfectly

capable of doing his work. In every signal station, the revolver kept for the protection of the signal men was kept in a box, with the keys to the box, traps, highways, and train wreckers. Mason opened the drawer where this revolver was kept, and found the keys to the box. His partner dared to interfere with him in any way. The day man tried again to humiliate him. The same time to protect the company's interest, the day man tried to prevent the passing trains by keeping the signals right. He refused to this difficult task until about 8 o'clock. The day man tried to get out of the tower at the pull of the revolver.

The day man hurried to the next signal station, and, having stopped the next in-going train, he tried to get out of the tower at the pull of the signal. He was as quick as he could. He was white-faced and trembling when he got

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"I'll blow the head off the first man who shows up here," he cried, flourishing the pistol. The day man finally persuaded Mason to let him take charge of the signals, and Sarvis tried to get Mason to go home. This again aroused Mason, and the fighting point, and it gave Sarvis and the night man a chance to get away. They took power, but not the money. They were there

"When you endangered the lives of so many persons last night," said Justice Ingram, "you add little regard for either their families or your own. I am only sorry in your case that but one person was hurt."

CHICAGO GAS LITIGATION.

Judge Horton Dismissed the Levin Petition for a Receiver.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Judge Horton this morning dismissed the bill filed by Louis A. Levin, in which he asked that a receiver be appointed for the Chicago Gas Company. Mr. Levin declared

that he was a holder of a certificate issued by the Fidelity Company of Philadelphia, and that the Fidelity Company was controlling the Chicago Gas companies. He maintained that this did not give the stockholders of the gas companies proper influence. The bill was filed about a year ago.

The Court held that the bill could not be made the basis of an action for the appointment of a receiver because the Fidelity Company had not been made a defendant. He further held that the bill asserted that the Fidelity Company in

When the certificate was not acting according to law. The complainant could not sustain an action when he asserted that his certificate was not issued properly.

RUN DOWN BY A CABLE CAR.

Plattsburgh Real Estate Dealer Injured in Broadway.

While trying to cross Broadway at Park place yesterday afternoon Monroe Hall, 62 years of age, a real estate dealer of Plattsburgh, N. Y.,

Street estate dealer of Pittsburgh, N. Y., was knocked down by a Broadway cable car, sustained a severe scalp wound and concussion of the spine.

Hall was removed to the Hudson Street Hospital, where he soon recovered from the shock, and is still in a dazed condition. He thinks his life was with him, but he is not sure.

Annie Leddy, 39 years old, a servant at 6 West Twenty-ninth street, while crossing Broadway at Twenty-ninth street last evening, was struck by a cable car, bound up town. Dr. J. J. Connelley, of 15 West Twenty-ninth street, was summoned, found her to be, but slightly injured.

EXPRESS TRAINS WRECKED.
 Accident on the Reading Railroad Near Norristown—The Injured.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 12.—The Williamsport press, on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, due here at 8 o'clock this evening, was wrecked just after entering the borough. Two cars jumped the tracks and tumbled over and

ers dragged some distance. About thirty passengers who were in the two cars had a narrow escape from death. Many of them crawled through the car windows. Those injured are: Col. James Hoyd of Norristown, a director of the Reading Railroad, believed to be seriously hurt; Miss Anna Keely, Phoenixville, spine injured; Jacob S. Clymer, Philadelphia, hurt internally; and W. F. Jacoby, Philadelphia, cut by broken glass.

The troops lost thirty-five killed or wounded while the loss of the Christians was six killed. Outside of Vryse the island is tranquil.

Assemblyman Cookling Files His Resignation in Albany.

ALBANY, Dec. 12.—Assemblyman Alfred R.

knilling of the old Eighth New York city district, whose term expires on Jan. 1, 1896, filed his resignation with the Secretary of State to-day. He was here two weeks ago to file his resignation, and said he would do so if the Chief clerk would promise not to let any newspaper reporter see it. He was informed that if he did his resignation it would be a public record, and any reporter would be permitted to see it. He put off his resignation until to-day. He can hold no civil appointment during the year for which he was elected, so that he is no more eligible.

able to outlive them if he had not resigned, and
why he resigned is not known.